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SUBJ: KOREA: LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO SELECTED GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 293845

1. WE BELIVE IT IS IN OUR OVERALL INTEREST TO MAKE  
CONSISTENTLY THE SHARPEST POSSIBLE DISTINCTION BETWEEN  
COUNTRIES WHICH OPPOSE OUR IMPORTANT, EVEN VITAL, CONCERNS  
AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT THEM. SUCH AN APPROACH IMPLIES  
REWARDS AS WELL AS PUNISHMENTS.

2. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPECT ROUTINE SUPPORT FROM OUR  
ALLIES ON MATTERS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO US, ALTHOUGH  
NATO ALLIES, GREECE AND MORE UNDERSTANDABLY PORTUGAL  
ABSTAINED ON THE HOSTILE KOREAN RES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO  
GROUNDS FOR ANTICIPATING THE SUPPORT OF AN AF COUNTRY,  
AND CERTAINLY IT CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. IT IS EVIDENT  
THAT THOSE AF COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPORTED US ON KOREA  
DID SO IN THE FACE OF EXTREME PEER GROUP PRESSURE. IT  
WASN'T EASY FOR THEM AND OUR RESPECT SHOULD BE KEYED TO THE  
CONTEXT IN WHICH THEY VOTED.

3. LIBERIA AND GABON GOT CONFUSED AND PANICKED DURING  
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THE FIRST COMMITTEE'S VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION,

A NOT ENTIRELY SURPRISING PHENOMENON. THE TENSION IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM WAS ALMOST PALPABLE. SINCE THE VOTE STARTED WITH SAUDI ARABIA, BY THE TIME GABON VOTED IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION WOULD PASS COMFORTABLY. AUSTRALIA'S PRIOR ABSTENTION MUST HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY UNNERVING. LIBERIA VOTED EVEN LATER, OF COURSE. THE PERFORMANCE OF GABON AND LIBERIA IN THE COMMITTEE VOTE WAS SCARCELY SPARTAN, BUT THEY CORRECTED THEMSELVES IN PLENARY. THEIR OVERALL PERFORMANCE WAS IN OUR INTEREST. IN USUN'S VIEW A LETTER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION OF APPRECIATION WOULD BE AN ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION.

4. IN A REGION WITH SO MANY VOTES AND SO LITTLE SUPPORT FOR THE U.S., WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD GRASP ANY OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO GO AGAINST THE CROWD, REGARDLESS OF MOTIVATION. CONSEQUENTLY, USUN RECOMMENDS LETTERS TO ALL OF THE AF COUNTRIES MENTIONED IN REFTEL. WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE, HOWEVER, OUR BELIEF THAT APPROPRIATE REPRISALS FOR THOSE WHO GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO OPPOSE US IS AT LEAST AS NECESSARY AS THANKS. THE GRATIFYING RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE IN BAMAKO IS A CASE IN POINT.

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